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Use Current GRR Forms, Early & Often!

The Grant Reimbursement Request Form, (GRR), is submitted to ADOT for progress reimbursements on active grants. Airports should complete them with appropriate backup material **monthly for each active grant**. GRR activity is ADOT's official metric for determining if a grant is active. Grants without GRR activity may be closed — it happened to one Arizona airport just the other day. Please use only our most current form, found on the ADOT website at:

http://www.azdot.gov/MPD/Airport_Development/grants.asp

Aviation Fund & Grant Reimbursements

CURRENT FUND BALANCE:

\$ 28.9 M (4/1/13)

\$ 27.5 M (7/1/13)

ACTIVE & PENDING GRANTS:

196 GRANTS (4/1/13)

187 GRANTS (7/1/13)

OBLIGATIONS TOTAL:

\$ 37.4 M (4/1/13)

\$ 31.7 M (7/1/13)

GRRs PAID TO AIRPORTS:

99 PAYMENTS

\$ 2.1 M TO AIRPORTS (4/1/13)

111 PAYMENTS

\$ 6.0 M TO AIRPORTS (7/1/13)

SB 1317 Funds Grants for AZ Tribal Airports

On June 20, Governor Brewer signed Senate Bill 1317, bringing eligibility for ADOT airport grants to the 15 Arizona airports sponsored by nine tribal communities.

Previously, A.R.S. 28.8202 required recipients of state airport grants to be political subdivisions of the State of Arizona. Tribal communities, as sovereign entities, were not eligible for Federal Match Grants, State-Local Grants, or Pavement Preservation Grants, but have been included in state-wide and other system studies.

Effective September 13, NPIAS tribal airports may seek Federal Match Grants for projects meeting ADOT's criteria. Aeronautics staff has also begun the process of reaching out to tribal communities for Annual Planning Meetings, the

first step in establishing capital plans for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014. Tribal airports, whether NPIAS or not, may then begin to receive State-Local Grants for qualifying projects.

Airport Pavement Preservation Program funds will also become available for qualifying tribal airports. Due to the long lead times for pavement assessments, budgeting, and project planning, it's not yet realistic to estimate when these projects may begin.

Tax revenues from aeronautical activity at tribal airports has always come into the State Aviation Fund on nearly identical terms as it has from airports sponsored by Arizona's political subdivisions. Tribal airports may now receive Fund proceeds on an equal basis.

Quarterly Based Aircraft Reports Due July 15th!

Get Reimbursements Electronically!

Aeronautics Grants recipients have the option to receive their reimbursement payments electronically. Other payments in the form of a warrant from any State agency to an airport sponsor can also be received through the Automated Clearing House (ACH)/direct deposit system. For more information or to access the setup forms and instructions, use this link:

http://www.gao.az.gov/Vendor/payment_options_home.asp

TRIBAL AIRPORTS AT A GLANCE

- The largest sponsor is the Navajo Nation, with five Arizona airports.
- The busiest is Grand Canyon West-1G4, Arizona's only tribal commercial airport.
- Avi Suquilla has the most based aircraft, currently 32.
- Eleven are currently in the NPIAS — Ak-Chin Regional-A39 was recently added.
- Three have published instrument approach procedures, all non-precision.

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Progress on Several Fronts

I'd like to start with a congratulatory note to airports with active state grant projects. The number of grants with significantly delinquent reimbursement requests and other delayed items has diminished from 64 three months ago to approximately 15 today. Regular reimbursement requests and timely executed projects are not only conditions of the grant agreements, but also are vital to the health of the State Aviation Fund. This recent vigorous reimbursement activity has succeeded in bringing down the Fund balance to \$27.5 million, the first quarterly decline in a year. At least as significantly, outstanding Fund obligations have dropped 15% to \$31.7 million. Thank you, Arizona airports, for the tremendous progress you've made. Getting the delinquencies down below ten, and keeping them there, is an attainable goal which our grant managers will be encouraging you to help us achieve.

If you haven't already turned in the quarterly based aircraft report that was due on July 15, please send it right away. Accurate and current data helps ADOT in a number of ways. Most significantly, our Motor Vehicle Division regularly uses the information you submit to improve its collection of taxes and fees, ensuring the long-term health of the Fund. The data is also important for substantiating the importance of your airports. Please help us demonstrate the relevance of Arizona airports generally — and yours specifically!! — by keeping these reports as up-to-date as possible.

We're very pleased by the recent passage of SB 1317, bringing State Grants to Arizona's tribal airports for the first time. Aeronautics staff is preparing to conduct the APMs for our new customers' airports. This new access to Fund dollars will make Arizona's 15 tribal airports more viable and more valuable assets to all users of the State Aviation System.

Your grants managers will be getting in touch with you in the very near future to schedule your APM for the 2015 ACIP. Please do your best to accommodate their demanding schedules by being flexible about meeting dates and by being well prepared for the meetings.

~ Michael Klein

The State Transportation Board (STB) Meetings are currently scheduled for the remainder of the year as follows:

- ⇒ **July 12
Prescott**
- ⇒ **August
BREAK**
- ⇒ **September 13
Bisbee**
- ⇒ **October 11
Wickenburg**
- ⇒ **November 8
Nogales**
- ⇒ **December 13
Globe**

For any requested changes to the current ACIP document for 2014-2018, plan to attend and provide written comments to support your airport.

APMS Program Update

AP Tech is in the process of preparing their APMS report on the condition of Arizona's airport pavements, based on inspections completed this spring. The data will be published later this calendar year and will become the basis for prioritizing the Airport Pavement Preservation Program (APPP) projects starting in FY 2015.

Design work for all FY 2014 projects is complete. Project agreements have been sent to sponsors. As soon as executed agreements and local share payments are returned to ADOT, advertising will proceed.

This year's program includes work at 12 airports for a total cost of approximately \$6.6 million. A 13th airport opted out of this year's program.

Some APPP projects from FY 2013 are complete, some are underway, and a handful are currently being advertised. The yet-to-be-started projects are expected to be accomplished this fall and spring.

Please contact Holly Hawkins with questions at (602) 712-8333 or HHawkins@azdot.gov.

Lake Havasu City Named 2013 Airport of the Year!

After a thorough review, ADOT MPD-Aeronautics staff selected Lake Havasu City Municipal Airport as the 2013 Airport of the Year.

With 142 based aircraft and 50,000 annual operations at the 646-acre facility, the airport is operated by four full-time staff led by Steve Johnston, CM who accepted the award at the AzAA Spring Conference.

The selection criteria used by ADOT MPD-Aeronautics Group consists of accomplishments in the categories of: 1) Aviation Advocacy and Community Outreach, 2) Airport Management, 3) Special Events and Recognition, and 4) Other Contributions.

ADOT has furnished a road sign announcing Lake Havasu City Municipal Airport as the 2013 Airport of the Year, which has been installed near the airport.

Annual Planning Meetings Coming Soon!

Summer is here and that means Annual Planning Meetings! To help airport sponsors identify, prioritize, and plan projects for the 2015-2019 Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP), the FAA and ADOT have prepared a tentative schedule to visit and conduct on-site Annual Planning Meetings at your airport.

ADOT staff will be attending all meetings in person, usually at your airport. FAA staff will participate either in person or via teleconference. Please have a speakerphone ready for the meeting and make every effort to be available on the proposed date. If you have a conflict for the proposed date, please let your assigned ADOT ACIP Grants Manager know as soon as possible.

To prepare for this meeting, sponsors must be familiar with and bring the following:

- ACIPs for prior years
- Status of RSAT items
- Current Airport Master Plan
- Status of active grants
- Current Airport Layout Plan (ALP)(full size)
- Pavement Maintenance Plan

At the airport sponsor's discretion, consultants may be invited to participate, but may not attend in lieu of a designated sponsor representative. Your assigned ADOT ACIP Grants Manager will contact you to confirm the date and set a specific time.

A letter with information regarding data entry into the ACIP web site will be sent separately. We understand that the FAA's much-awaited AEP will not be operational for the current ACIP cycle. Similarly, please be prepared for the same data entry for ADOT ACIP requests as you've come to know from prior years. We anticipate, at some unknown future date, a more seamless means for ADOT submissions to auto-populate the FAA system, or vice versa. Please bear with us through at least one more ACIP cycle while we continue to work on an improved submission process.



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Backup Documentation For Proof of Payments

From time to time, airport sponsors will attempt to receive reimbursements in advance of actually paying their contractors and consultants. The other day, when questioned about a fishy GRR, a sponsor replied "How can I pay my contractor if ADOT hasn't paid me?" Please understand that sponsors are responsible for paying project expenses from their working capital prior to making a reimbursement request to ADOT. This requirement is explained in the Grant Agreement. In fact, all sponsors attest that they have sufficient funds on hand for this purpose as a condition of their grant. For this reason, your Grants Manager may ask to see proof of payment before approving your GRR.

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The ADOT – MPD Aeronautics Group will be attending the AzAA Fall conference in Mesa, AZ. Aeronautics staff will be available for questions and discussions at the conference with airports and consultants. Please feel free to contact your Grant Manager at the conference if you would like to meet with ADOT there. ADOT is available to assist you with grant questions or any ongoing issues. We also look forward to providing the ADOT update.

2014 –2018 ACIP on Web

At press time it still says "Tentative" on the Cover page, but the 5-Year Airport Capital Improvement Program has been approved and is on the ADOT website for your review. Please double-check your airport project requests and make any changes through the State Transportation Board process. To access the document, please use the following link:

http://azdot.gov/MPD/PDF/Final_2014_2018.pdf



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